Abstract Proceedings of the Travancore Legislative Council.

The Council met in the Dewan's room, Public Offices, at 12 noon, on Tuesday the 7th Mithunam 1091/20th June 1916.

Present.

DEWAN BAHADUR, M. KRISHNAN NAIR ESQ., B. A. & B. L., DEWAN.....*Presiding.*

A. J. Vieyra Esq., B. A.
N. Subrahmanya Aiyar Esq., M. A.
R. Mahadeva Aiyar Esq., B. A.
K. V. Rengaswami Aiyengar Esq., M. A.
N. Raman Pillai Esq., B. A.
John Kuriyan Esq., B. A., B. C. E.
I. C. Chacko Esq., B. A., B. Sc.
J. A. Richardson Esq.
K. Parameswaran Pillai Esq., B. A. & B. L.
K. G. Sesha Aiyar Esq., B. A. & B. L.
K. G. Parameswara Menon Esq., B. A. & B. L.
T. K. Velu Pillai Esq., B. A. & B. L.
Paul Daniel Esq., M. A. & L. T.

K. Narayanan Pandalay Esq., B. A. & B. L.....*Secretary.*

The Secretary reported to the Council that Messrs. I. C. Chacko, B. A., B. Sc., and Paul Daniel, M. A. & L. T., who had been appointed Members of the Council, took their seats in Council that day.

The Secretary also reported that the following petitions had been received on the Land Conservancy Regulation Amendment Bill:—

1. Petition dated the 18th Kanni 1091 from the Vanjippuzha Chief.
2. Petition dated the 2nd Thulam 1091 from the Poonjat Chief.
3. Petition dated the 24th May 1916 from the Senior Koil Thampuran of Kilimanur Palace.

The Secretary stated that the first two of the above petitions had been reported to the Council at its meeting held on the 13th December 1915/28th Vrischigom 1091, and that the Council had then resolved that the petitions be put off for consideration at the meeting at which the Bill would be taken up for final reading.

THE CRIMINAL TRIBES BILL.

Mr. Subba Aiyar being absent, Mr. Vieyra moved for permission to withdraw the Criminal Tribes Bill. He said that, since the Bill was introduced in the Council in Mithunom 1090, doubts arose as to the desirability of the law in Travancore and that the Commissioner of Police, who was consulted, had advised the Government as follows:—

"The danger which the Regulation is framed to guard against, *viz.*, the entry into Travancore of criminal tribes from British India, it is in fact likely to facilitate. I observe that the legislation was taken under consideration at the instance of the Madras Police who have or had a scheme in hand of planting their criminal tribes controlled under such legislation among the planting districts, and Travancore has been saved from suffering by this experimental scheme by the absence of any such legislation in the State, for the Madras authorities cannot afford to plant their criminals beyond control. The working of the proposed Regulation would be extremely difficult and expensive and it would certainly not be effective from our point of view".

In the circumstances, Mr. Vieyra moved for permission to withdraw the Criminal Tribes Bill.

Seconded by Mr. Subrahmanya Aiyar.
Carried.

THE MARKETS BILL.

Mr. Vieyra then introduced the Markets Bill, and said that there was no definite law to regulate markets in places other than Towns under the Towns Conservancy and Improvement Regulation. He said that the right to open a new market was a franchise to be granted by the Crown, and that in Travancore new markets had from time immemorial been opened only with the previous sanction of Government. As, however, an instance had recently been brought to the notice of Government in which a new market was opened in a place not approved of by Government and to the prejudice of existing markets in the neighbourhood, and as it was feared

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